

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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| Application Number | 10/593,173 | Filing Date | September 15, 2006 | | Confirmation Number | 8722 | Docket Number | Q119178 |
| First Named Inventor | Tomotsugu MATSUI | | | Examiner Name | Jacqueline F. Stephens | | Art Unit | 3761 |
| Title | ABSORBENT ARTICLE | | | | | | | |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- Consider the arguments in the 1.116 Amendment previously filed on August 12, 2011
 Other _____
- Do NOT consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
- Enclosed
 Amendment/Reply
 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 Other _____

MISCELLANEOUS

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 Other _____

FEES

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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CUSTOMER NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF REGISTERED U.S. PATENT PRACTITIONER

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| Signature <u>/Allison M. Tulino/</u> | Date | September 14, 2011 |
| Name <u>Allison M. Tulino</u> | Registration No. | 48,294 |